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PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS
PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant : Reed Gleason, et al. Group Art Unit:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the specification as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

2. A method of constructing a probe comprising:

- (a) providing a substrate;
- (b) creating a first recess within said substrate;
- (c) locating conductive material within said recess;

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